

AL-1.829

C2



ALBERTA

2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates

General Revenue Fund

2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates

General Revenue Fund

Presented by the Honourable Lloyd Snelgrove
President of the Treasury Board
in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
April 7, 2009

ISBN 978-0-7785-5711-1 - Print version
ISBN 978-0-7785-5712-8 - Electronic version
ISSN 1919-1529 - Print version
ISSN 1918-9486 - Electronic version

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | |
|--|---|
| Preface | 1 |
| Schedule of Amounts to be Voted | 3 |
| Summary by Office - Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases..... | 5 |
| Summary of Voted Expense by Object for all Offices..... | 7 |
| Full-Time Equivalent Employment..... | 7 |

DETAILS OF THE OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES

| | |
|---|----|
| Support to the Legislative Assembly..... | 9 |
| Office of the Auditor General..... | 13 |
| Office of the Ombudsman..... | 17 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer..... | 21 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner..... | 25 |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner..... | 29 |

PREFACE

The **2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates** present the budget plans for the Legislative Assembly and its Offices.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** shows the estimate amounts for the Legislative Assembly and each Office excerpted from the *Appropriation Act, 2009*. The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate these amounts from the General Revenue Fund and thus provide spending authority to the Assembly and its Offices.

The **Summary by Office** shows estimate amounts for Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases together with historical data on a comparable basis.

Expense consists of salaries, supplies and services, grants, payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly and amortization of capital assets, unless otherwise noted. Effective April 1, 2009, the responsibility for certain information technology services is transferred to the Ministry of Service Alberta. The 2009-10 Estimate and associated comparable amounts for the Offices of the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, and the Information and Privacy Commissioner have been adjusted for this transfer.

Equipment / Inventory Purchases by Offices of the Legislative Assembly are defined as capital assets that cost more than \$5,000 and are routinely moved or may be installed as a service level improvement. The Legislative Assembly itself budgets for and reports all such purchases costing more than \$2,500 as capital assets, as noted in the details of its Voted Estimates.

The **Summary of Voted Expense by Object for all Offices** identifies the allocation of the 2009-10 amounts for salaries, supplies and services, grants, payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly and amortization of capital assets.

Budgeted **Full-Time Equivalent Employment** is shown for for the Legislative Assembly and each Office for 2009-10, as well as 2008-09.

Details of the **Voted Estimates** of Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases, a **Statement of Operations** and the **Change in Capital Assets** are presented for for the Legislative Assembly and each Office by program.

Supplementary funding authorizing an increase in forecast spending over budget was provided in 2008-09:

- Supplementary Estimates tabled on November 24, 2008 included \$1,990,000 in additional Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases for the Support to the Legislative Assembly, and
- Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) tabled on March 2, 2009 included \$750,000 in additional Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases for the Auditor General.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2015

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2010

| OFFICE/ VOTE | Estimate |
|--|---------------|
| OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY | |
| SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY | |
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$ 58,450,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL | |
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$ 23,221,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN | |
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$ 2,911,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER | |
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$ 4,951,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER | |
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$ 991,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER | |
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$ 5,741,000 |
| Amount of Expense or Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases to be voted under section 1(1) of the <i>Appropriation Act, 2009</i> | \$ 96,265,000 |

SUMMARY BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2009-10 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2007-08 |
| | Estimate | Forecast | Budget | Actual |
| Expense | | | | |
| Support to the Legislative Assembly* | 57,365 | 54,588 | 54,906 | 44,665 |
| Office of the Auditor General | 23,070 | 22,305 | 21,646 | 19,620 |
| Office of the Ombudsman | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,817 | 2,464 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 4,651 | 4,269 | 5,236 | 12,882 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 991 | 714 | 750 | 431 |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 5,697 | 5,196 | 5,537 | 4,759 |
| Expense | 94,685 | 89,836 | 90,892 | 84,821 |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | |
| Support to the Legislative Assembly** | 1,085 | 1,141 | 935 | 753 |
| Office of the Auditor General | 151 | 185 | 95 | 575 |
| Office of the Ombudsman | - | - | 7 | 35 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 300 | 930 | 500 | 428 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | - | 125 | 212 | - |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 44 | 25 | 25 | 7 |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 1,580 | 2,406 | 1,774 | 1,798 |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 96,265 | 92,242 | 92,666 | 86,619 |

* Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

** Support to the Legislative Assembly has a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000.

SUMMARY OF VOTED EXPENSE BY OBJECT FOR ALL OFFICES

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits | 54,669 |
| Supplies and Services | 22,340 |
| Grants to Others | 7 |
| Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly | 16,905 |
| Amortization of Capital Assets* | 764 |
| Total Voted Expense | 94,685 |

* Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable 2008-09 Budget * |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Support to the Legislative Assembly | 325 | 325 |
| Office of the Auditor General | 134 | 131 |
| Office of the Ombudsman | 25 | 25 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 16 | 16 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 4 | 4 |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 38 | 38 |
| Total Full-Time Equivalent Employment | 542 | 539 |

* The Comparable 2008-09 Budget for Support to the Legislative Assembly has been increased by 80 Full-Time Equivalent Employees to be on a comparable basis with the 2009-10 Estimate.



SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE HONOURABLE KEN KOWALSKI

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
325 Legislature Building, (780) 427-2464

W. J. DAVID McNEIL

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
801 Legislature Annex, (780) 427-2478

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES | 58,450 | 55,729 | 55,841 | 45,418 |

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of *Alberta Hansard*, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances and living expenses to Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of premiums for health and disability benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of transition allowances to former Members of the Legislative Assembly.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2009-10 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 |
| | | Estimate | Forecast | Budget |
| | | | | 2007-08 |
| | | | | Actual |
| Expense* | | | | |
| 1 | Legislative Assembly Office Administration | 20,815 | 19,112 | 18,003 |
| 2 | Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration | 30,513 | 29,425 | 30,660 |
| 3 | Government Members' Services | 3,939 | 3,995 | 3,242 |
| 4 | Official Opposition Services | 1,537 | 1,505 | 1,127 |
| 5 | NDP Opposition Services | 561 | 551 | 362 |
| 6 | Alberta Alliance Opposition Services | - | - | - |
| 7 | Independent Member's Services | - | - | - |
| 8 | Caucus Funding Contingency | - | - | 1,512 |
| Expense | | 57,365 | 54,588 | 54,906 |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases** | | | | |
| 1 | Legislative Assembly Office Administration | 810 | 798 | 735 |
| 2 | Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration | 275 | 340 | 200 |
| 3 | Government Members' Services | - | 3 | - |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 1,085 | 1,141 | 935 |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 58,450 | 55,729 | 55,841 |
| | | | | 45,418 |

* Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

** Support to the Legislative Assembly has a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Premiums, Fees and Licences | | | | |
| Various | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Various | 563 | 545 | 549 | 757 |
| Total Revenue | 564 | 545 | 550 | 757 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Support to the Legislative Assembly | 57,365 | 54,588 | 54,906 | 44,665 |
| Total Voted Expense | 57,365 | 54,588 | 54,906 | 44,665 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 1,018 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 57,365 | 54,588 | 54,906 | 45,683 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Result | (56,801) | (54,043) | (54,356) | (44,926) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| New Capital Investment | 1,085 | 1,141 | 935 | 753 |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | - | - | - | (970) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | 1,085 | 1,141 | 935 | (217) |



OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

FRED J. DUNN

Auditor General

8th Floor, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 427-4220

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General of Alberta is to identify opportunities and propose solutions for the improved use of public resources, and to improve and add credibility to performance reporting, including financial reporting, to Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED (thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES | 23,221 | 22,490 | 21,741 | 20,195 |

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the *Auditor General Act* and other statutes on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Reports to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the *Auditor General Act*, after the end of the fiscal year of the Crown.

Undertakes special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| | Expense | | | | |
| 1 | Office of the Auditor General | 23,070 | 22,305 | 21,646 | 19,620 |
| | Expense | 23,070 | 22,305 | 21,646 | 19,620 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | |
| 1 | Office of the Auditor General | 151 | 185 | 95 | 575 |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 151 | 185 | 95 | 575 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 23,221 | 22,490 | 21,741 | 20,195 |

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | | Comparable | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Audit Fees | 2,450 | 3,045 | 3,135 | 3,026 |
| Total Revenue | 2,450 | 3,045 | 3,135 | 3,026 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| Voted | | | | |
| Office of the Auditor General | 23,070 | 22,305 | 21,646 | 19,620 |
| Total Voted Expense | 23,070 | 22,305 | 21,646 | 19,620 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Result | (20,620) | (19,260) | (18,511) | (16,594) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| New Capital Investment | 151 | 185 | 95 | 575 |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | (310) | (270) | (250) | (280) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | (159) | (85) | (155) | 295 |



OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

G. B. (Gord) BUTTON

Ombudsman

Suite 2800

10303 Jasper Avenue, (780) 427-2756

The Office of the Ombudsman promotes fairness in public administration within the Government of Alberta.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,824 | 2,499 |

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent and impartial investigations into complaints from people who believe that they have been treated unfairly through the administrative actions or decisions of Alberta government ministries, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services.

To recommend corrective actions if a complaint is supported.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within his jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

OFFICES OF THE OMBUDSMAN - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| | Expense | | | | |
| 1 | Office of the Ombudsman | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,817 | 2,464 |
| | Expense | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,817 | 2,464 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | |
| 1 | Office of the Ombudsman | - | - | 7 | 35 |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | - | - | 7 | 35 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,824 | 2,499 |

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2009-10 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2007-08 |
| | Estimate | Forecast | Budget | Actual |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Various | - | - | - | - |
| Total Revenue | - | - | - | - |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Ombudsman | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,817 | 2,464 |
| Total Voted Expense | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,817 | 2,464 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 30 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 2,911 | 2,764 | 2,817 | 2,494 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Result | (2,911) | (2,764) | (2,817) | (2,494) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|-------------|------|-----|------|
| New Capital Investment | - | - | 7 | 35 |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | (16) | (15) | (6) | (17) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | (16) | (15) | 1 | 18 |



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

LORI MCKEE-JESKE

Acting Chief Electoral Officer

Suite 100

11510 Kingsway Avenue, (780) 427-1035

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES | 4,951 | 5,199 | 5,736 | 13,310 |

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant acts.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | 2009-10 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2007-08 |
| | | Estimate | Forecast | Budget | Actual |
| Expense | | | | | |
| 1 | Corporate Services | 4,186 | 3,375 | 2,433 | 2,277 |
| 2 | Elections | 465 | 894 | 2,803 | 10,605 |
| Expense | | 4,651 | 4,269 | 5,236 | 12,882 |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | | |
| 1 | Corporate Services | 300 | 930 | 500 | 428 |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 300 | 930 | 500 | 428 |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 4,951 | 5,199 | 5,736 | 13,310 |

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Various | - | - | - | 73 |
| Total Revenue | - | - | - | 73 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| Voted | | | | |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 4,651 | 4,269 | 5,236 | 12,882 |
| Total Voted Expense | 4,651 | 4,269 | 5,236 | 12,882 |
| Statutory | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 11 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 4,651 | 4,269 | 5,236 | 12,893 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Result | (4,651) | (4,269) | (5,236) | (12,820) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| New Capital Investment | 300 | 930 | 500 | 428 |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | (400) | (350) | (250) | (299) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | (100) | 580 | 250 | 129 |



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER

NEIL R. WILKINSON

Ethics Commissioner

1250, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 422-2273

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act* and the lobbyists registry under the *Lobbyists Act*. The Office also has responsibility for administering the Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest directive for designated senior officials.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES | 991 | 839 | 962 | 431 |

OBJECTIVE

To provide elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials of the government with advice and recommendations regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest from the public and from elected Members.

To create and maintain a publicly-accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Promotes the understanding by Members of the Legislative Assembly of their obligations under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, by senior officials of their obligations under the directive issued by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and by the public of conflict of interest obligations of Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials.

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior government officials regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides advice and recommendations on matters respecting obligations of the Members of the Legislative Assembly under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, and of senior officials pursuant to the directive of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| 1 | Expense | | | | |
| | Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 991 | 714 | 750 | 431 |
| | Expense | 991 | 714 | 750 | 431 |
| 1 | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | |
| | Office of the Ethics Commissioner | - | 125 | 212 | - |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | - | 125 | 212 | - |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 991 | 839 | 962 | 431 |

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2009-10 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2007-08 |
| | Estimate | Forecast | Budget | Actual |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - |
| Total Revenue | - | - | - | - |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 991 | 714 | 750 | 431 |
| Total Voted Expense | 991 | 714 | 750 | 431 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 3 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 991 | 714 | 750 | 434 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Result | (991) | (714) | (750) | (434) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------|------|-----|
| New Capital Investment | - | 125 | 212 | - |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | (6) | (25) | (40) | (3) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | (6) | 100 | 172 | (3) |



OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND
PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

FRANK WORK, Q.C.

Information and Privacy Commissioner
410, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 422-6860

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2009-10 Estimate | Comparable | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES | 5,741 | 5,221 | 5,562 | 4,766 |

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner administers the following legislation governing access to information and protection of privacy:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Health Information Act

Personal Information Protection Act

These statutes were enacted by the Legislature to bring about meaningful changes in how public and private sector organizations operate. Each *Act* positions the Commissioner to exercise powers affecting the conduct and practices of various groups of information holders. The major operational purposes of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner are:

- to facilitate the resolution of matters dealing with access to information and protection of personal privacy under the three relevant Alberta statutes,
- to advocate protection of privacy for Albertans, and
- to advance open and accountable government in all Alberta public bodies.

Vision Statement:

To promote a society where personal privacy is respected and public bodies are open and accountable.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides independent reviews of decisions made by public bodies, custodians and organizations under the Acts.

Mediates and investigates requests for reviews and privacy complaints.

Conducts inquiries and issues orders under the Acts.

Conducts investigations on own initiative in relation to access to information and protection of privacy issues.

Monitors administration of the Acts to ensure legislative compliance.

Promotes openness and accountability for public bodies.

Comments on proposed legislative schemes or programs, privacy impact assessments or data sharing initiatives.

Promotes public awareness on access to information and protection of privacy matters through publications, events, presentations and media releases.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

VOTED EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | | Comparable | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| | Expense | | | | |
| 1 | Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 5,697 | 5,196 | 5,537 | 4,759 |
| | Expense | 5,697 | 5,196 | 5,537 | 4,759 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | |
| 1 | Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 44 | 25 | 25 | 7 |
| | Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 44 | 25 | 25 | 7 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | 5,741 | 5,221 | 5,562 | 4,766 |

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | | Comparable | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009-10 Estimate | 2008-09 Forecast | 2008-09 Budget | 2007-08 Actual |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Various | - | - | - | 15 |
| Total Revenue | - | - | - | 15 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 5,697 | 5,196 | 5,537 | 4,759 |
| Total Voted Expense | 5,697 | 5,196 | 5,537 | 4,759 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 14 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 5,697 | 5,196 | 5,537 | 4,773 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Result | (5,697) | (5,196) | (5,537) | (4,758) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| New Capital Investment | 44 | 25 | 25 | 7 |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | (32) | (32) | (40) | (54) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | 12 | (7) | (15) | (47) |

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA
Bibliothèque et Archives Canada



3 3286 54218083 7

Printed on Recycled Paper

